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SUBJECT: BHUTTO VISIT TO FRG

1. FRG EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY OTTO SCHNITTGER ON FEBRUARY 24 PROVIDED DEPARTMENT (PECK, NEA/PAB) FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF BHUTTO VISIT TO FRG FEBRUARY 18-20. DEPARTMENT WILL WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL REPORTING BONN MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

2. SCHMIDT REPORTEDLY TOOK QUITE A HARD LINE WITH BHUTTO ON ISSUE OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. HE SAID THAT THE
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FRG EXPECTED THAT PAKISTAN AND OTHER FRIENDLY DEVELOPING

NATIONS WOULD CONDUCT A FOREIGN POLICY IN MULTILATERAL BODIES SUCH AS THE UN WHICH REFLECTS THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED WORLD. DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOULD NOT RESTRICT GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPED WORLD TO BILATERAL CONTEXT, AND SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THEIR TRUE INTERESTS RATHER THAN ON PREACHING SOLIDARITY WITH THE MORE RADICAL SPOKESMEN OF THE THIRD WORLD. SCHMIDT ALSO WARNED BHUTTO OF THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF ADDITIONAL RAW MATERIAL CARTELS. BHUTTO REPORTEDLY SEEMED IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE POINTS WHICH, FROM SCHNITTGER'S PRESENTATION, APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN RESPONSE TO BHUTTO'S

OWN PRESENTATION OF PAKISTAN'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC GOALS, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR AN INCREASED FRG CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM.

3. APPARENTLY BHUTTO'S CENTRAL WORRY WAS PAKISTANI SECURITY. HE OUTLINED THE GOP SENSE OF INCREASED SOVIET POLITICAL AND SUBVERSIVE PRESSURE AGAINST PAKISTAN, AND EMPHASIZED PAKISTAN'S NEED FOR A CREDIBLE DEFENSE AGAINST INDIA, WHICH HE SPECIFIED SHOULD BE 50 PERCENT OF INDIAN ARMS LEVELS. BONN HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS BHUTTO PRESENTATION WAS MADE WITH THE VIEW OF OBTAINING HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE FRG. HE REPORTEDLY DID NOT GET VERY FAR. SCHMIDT TOLD BHUTTO THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO DELIVER HEAVY MILITARY MATERIEL TO PAKISTAN. SCHNITTGER SPECULATED THAT THIS MEANT THAT PAKISTAN WOULD QUALIFY ONLY FOR NON-LETHAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TRUCKS AND MEDICAL CORPS EQUIPMENT. ASKED ABOUT BHUTTO'S REPORTED STATEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT THE FRG NO LONGER CONSIDERED PAKISTAN TO BE IN AN AREA OF TENSION, SCHNITTGER SAID THAT, EVEN IF THIS WERE TRUE, THE FRG PRESENTLY RESTRICTED MAJOR ARMS SALES TO NATO AND A FEW OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

4. SCHNITTGER SAID THAT THE FRG HAD DECIDED BEFORE BHUTTO ARRIVED THAT IT WOULD NOT RAISE NUCLEAR ISSUES. IF THE PAKISTANI PARTY RAISED THE HEAVY WATER PLANT, THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT IT WAS STILL DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH ITS FRIENDS AND THEREFORE COULD

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MAKE NO COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME. THE REPORT RECEIVED BY THE FRG EMBASSY HERE DID NOT MENTION NUCLEAR ISSUES, LEADING SCHNITTGER TO ASSUME THE SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE. KISSINGER

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